

Assessment & Accountability Announcements - Week of June 18, 2012

Please see **2 IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: 1) 2011-2012 Preliminary Michigan School Report Cards 2) BAA Item Writers and Review Committee Members Needed

1) Preliminary 2011-12 Michigan School Report Cards

For those individuals who may not have received the original communication sent Monday, the 2011-2012 Preliminary Michigan School Report Cards are now available. A link to the original memorandum is included here:

http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_31168-280911--,00.html.

Please note the report card appeals window is open until 5:00 p.m. **on Friday, June 29, 2012**, and there are no extensions to this window.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) received approval of our 2011-2012 Accountability Workbook from the U.S. Department of Education (USED). This approval allows two main changes:

- a. Resets Michigan's Annual Measurable Objectives (i.e., proficiency targets) to reflect the adoption of the more rigorous career- and college-ready cut scores, and
- b. Changes district-level Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) calculations to treat a district as a single unit, as opposed to the elementary, middle, and high school units used previously for district AYP. Please see the *2011-2012 Guide to Reading School Report Cards* for more information on district-level calculations (<https://oeaa.state.mi.us/ayp/guide.asp>)

2) BAA Item Writers and Review Committee Members Needed

The Bureau of Assessment and Accountability (BAA) has recently provided information on two Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) opportunities for Michigan educators this summer. The response to these opportunities has been outstanding for the limited number of positions available. The BAA would also like to let Michigan educators know about the opportunity to be involved in the development of Michigan statewide assessments, including the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), MEAP-Access, MI-Access, the Michigan Merit Examination (MME), the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA), and the *new* Michigan Interim Assessments (K-12). If you are interested in applying to be an item writer, passage writer, and/or review committee member, please follow the link below and complete the online application:

<http://www.cvent.com/d/pcq0t9>

A link to the BAA Committee Participation Application can also be found on any of the Michigan assessment webpages:

www.michigan.gov/meap

www.michigan.gov/meap-access

www.michigan.gov/mi-access

www.michigan.gov/mme

www.michigan.gov/elpa

Please note there is no application deadline for these Michigan assessment development opportunities – BAA staff periodically reviews applications for different Michigan-specific opportunities throughout the year. To ensure we have complete information in our new database, we are requesting that all applicants complete the new/revised application, even if you have previously applied for item writing or review committee participation.

Questions?

Please email us at baa@michigan.gov or call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.